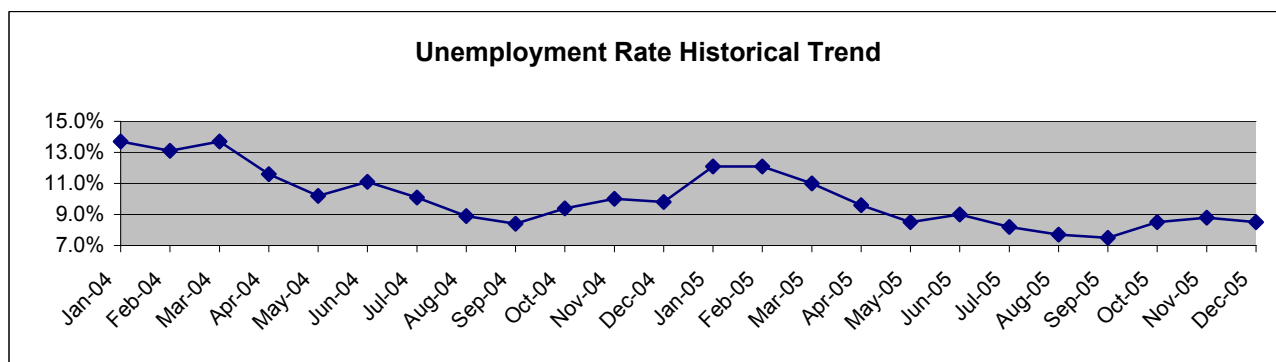


IMMEDIATE RELEASE
 HANFORD-CORCORAN METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)
 (Kings County)

The unemployment rate in Kings County was 8.5 percent in December 2005, down from a revised 8.8 percent in November 2005, and below the year-ago estimate of 9.8 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 4.8 percent for California and 4.6 percent for the nation during the same period.



Industry	Nov-2005	Dec-2005	Change		Dec-2004	Dec-2005	Change
Total Jobs	41,500	41,500	0		40,700	41,500	800
Farm Jobs	6,600	6,600	0		6,700	6,600	(100)
Nonfarm Jobs	34,900	34,900	0		34,000	34,900	900
Natural Resources, Mining and Construction	1,700	1,600	(100)		1,500	1,600	100
Manufacturing	3,700	3,800	100		3,900	3,800	(100)
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	5,600	5,600	0		5,600	5,600	0
Information	300	300	0		300	300	0
Financial Activities	1,200	1,200	0		1,200	1,200	0
Professional and Business Services	1,300	1,300	0		1,400	1,300	(100)
Educational and Health Services	4,200	4,200	0		3,400	4,200	800
Leisure and Hospitality	2,900	2,900	0		2,700	2,900	200
Other Services	400	400	0		400	400	0
Government	13,600	13,600	0		13,600	13,600	0

Notes: Data not adjusted for seasonality

Data may not add due to rounding

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Hanford-Corcoran MSA
Kings County
Industry Employment & Labor Force
March 2004 Benchmark

Data Not Adjusted for Seasonality

	Dec 04	Oct 05	Nov 05 Revised	Dec 05 Prelim.	Percent Change Month Year	
Civilian Labor Force (1)	54,500	55,000	55,100	55,200	0.2%	1.3%
Civilian Employment	49,100	50,300	50,200	50,500	0.6%	2.9%
Civilian Unemployment	5,400	4,700	4,900	4,700	-4.1%	-13.0%
Civilian Unemployment Rate	9.8%	8.5%	8.8%	8.5%		
(CA Unemployment Rate)	5.7%	5.0%	5.1%	4.8%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	5.1%	4.6%	4.8%	4.6%		

Total, All Industries (2)	40,700	41,400	41,500	41,500	0.0%	2.0%
Total Farm	6,700	6,700	6,600	6,600	0.0%	-1.5%
Total Nonfarm	34,000	34,700	34,900	34,900	0.0%	2.6%
Total Private	20,400	21,100	21,300	21,300	0.0%	4.4%
Goods Producing	5,400	5,700	5,400	5,400	0.0%	0.0%
Natural Resources, Mining and Construction	1,500	1,600	1,700	1,600	-5.9%	6.7%
Manufacturing	3,900	4,100	3,700	3,800	2.7%	-2.6%
Durable Goods	600	600	600	600	0.0%	0.0%
Nondurable Goods	3,300	3,500	3,100	3,200	3.2%	-3.0%
Food Man & Beverage & Tobacco	2,700	2,900	2,500	2,600	4.0%	-3.7%
Residual-Textile Mills	600	600	600	600	0.0%	0.0%
Service Providing	28,600	29,000	29,500	29,500	0.0%	3.1%
Private Service producing	15,000	15,400	15,900	15,900	0.0%	6.0%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	5,600	5,500	5,600	5,600	0.0%	0.0%
Wholesale Trade	700	700	700	700	0.0%	0.0%
Retail Trade	4,200	4,100	4,200	4,200	0.0%	0.0%
Food and Beverage Stores	900	900	900	900	0.0%	0.0%
General Merchandise Stores	1,300	1,400	1,500	1,500	0.0%	15.4%
Residual-Miscellaneous Store Retailers	2,000	1,800	1,800	1,800	0.0%	-10.0%
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	700	700	700	700	0.0%	0.0%
Information	300	300	300	300	0.0%	0.0%
Financial Activities	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	0.0%	0.0%
Finance and Insurance	600	600	600	600	0.0%	0.0%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	600	600	600	600	0.0%	0.0%
Professional and Business Services	1,400	1,300	1,300	1,300	0.0%	-7.1%
Educational and Health Services	3,400	3,800	4,200	4,200	0.0%	23.5%
Leisure and Hospitality	2,700	2,900	2,900	2,900	0.0%	7.4%
Other Services	400	400	400	400	0.0%	0.0%
Government	13,600	13,600	13,600	13,600	0.0%	0.0%
Federal Government	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0.0%	0.0%
State and Local Government	12,600	12,600	12,600	12,600	0.0%	0.0%
State Government	5,400	5,300	5,300	5,300	0.0%	-1.9%
Local Government	7,200	7,300	7,300	7,300	0.0%	1.4%

Note 1: Civilian labor force data are by place of residence; include self-employed individuals, unpaid family workers, household domestic workers, & workers on strike.

Note 2: Industry employment is by place of work; excludes self-employed individuals, unpaid family workers, household domestic workers, & workers on strike.

These data are produced by the Labor Market Information Division of the California State Employment Development Department (EDD). Questions should be directed to: Sheila Urdesich-559/230-4142 or Nannette Potter (559/230-4077)

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